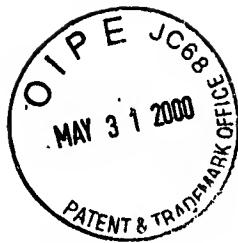


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEAKI MITSUTAKE, ET AL.) Examiner: M. Gerike
Application No.: 09/045,681) Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: March 23, 1998)
For: ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS) May 31, 2000
AND IMAGE FORMING :
APPARATUS)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 59 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 57 as follows:

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